

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. - 17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) A method of transmitting notifications to users of a logistic system,

said logistic system comprising at least one parcel compartment system with at least one registered user, wherein notification orders are transmitted to a central sending component which, based on the notification orders, accesses at least one database and generates and sends appropriate notifications to the user, the method comprising :

(a) calling up different modules with associated functions in response to different events within the logistic system, said modules being selected from the group consisting of a client database, a registration unit, and a system administration unit for the logistic system;

(b) generating notification orders by the modules;

(c) writing the notification orders into a communication request queue so the notification orders can be sent in a deferred manner; and

reading the notification orders from the communication request queue by a queue reader in a timer-controlled manner and transferring the notification orders to the central sending component;

(d) generating appropriate user-specific notifications by the central sending component; and,

(e) sending said notifications to the user by the central sending unit via a gateway;

wherein said generating comprises accessing at least one client database, a parcel database, an automatic parcel delivery machine database, and a document database by the central sending component, wherein said method further includes

validating the status of the notification orders in a delivery contract logic before transferring the notification orders to the central sending component.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 18, comprising allocating client data, parcel data, and parcel compartment system data in the databases by means of identities (IDs).

20. (Previously Presented) The method Claim 18, wherein the events in the logistic system comprise at least the following:

- registration of the new user
- change in the user data
- placement of a new parcel in a parcel compartment system
- picking up a parcel from a parcel compartment system
- sending back a parcel
- adding a substitute for pick-up of a parcel
- removing a substitute.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 18, comprising sending the notifications to the users in the form of at least one of e-mail and Short Message Service (SMS).

22. (Previously Presented) A device for transmitting notifications to users of a logistic system that operates one or more parcel compartment systems, wherein the logistic system comprises modules having functions for generating notification orders, of a central sending component, of a communication request queue for storing the notification orders so that the notification orders can be sent in a deferred manner, of a document database with templates for generating individual

notifications for specific users, of a client database with information about clients, of a parcel database with information about parcels, of an automatic parcel delivery machine database with information about parcel compartment systems and of a gateway for sending the notifications, wherein the modules are one or more of a client database, a registration unit and a system administration unit for the logistic system.